

Teacher Orientation to YLA Camp Horseshoe
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Advisors recruit students for Entrepreneurship and Leadership Summits. Occasionally advisors will attend a program for one or more days. Attendance offers opportunities to see Horseshoe, experience the program, assist in program and camp operations and observe their students interact with peers in a new place, a new experience and a new learning process.

What does Horseshoe expect of an advisor attending Entrepreneurship and Leadership Summits? Basically, Horseshoe expects an advisor to follow and support the process in place. Success for all students and Horseshoe's approach to learning as well as an advisor's attendance requires advisors to -

- Recognize there is a process in place.
- Allow the process to unfold.
- Step back and away from students the advisor brought to camp.
- Allow one's students to find their way in the process just as other students do without an advisor from home present.
- Eat meals at tables without your students. If that is not possible, take your meals in the kitchen.
- Before arrival at Horseshoe, explain to your students that while you will be at camp, you will not be with them, they are to mix with other students, make new friends and forget you're here.

What does an advisor do at camp? It all depends on the personality of the advisor and their interests. Some want to enjoy time away, some want to read a book, some explore this beautiful place or community. Some will want to help with camp operations and/or program. Advisors have helped in the kitchen, yard work, organized the library, facility maintenance, assisted with program activities and more. Let us know your interests so we can best help you enjoy your time at camp.

Where will I stay? Advisors stay in the McManus Center. You'll have restroom and shower facilities, comfortable beds and a quiet place to stay. Please bring your own bedding, pillow, towels and personal care items. Advisors do not stay in the cabins with students.

Where are my students? Your students, just like all other students, are living with peers and their certified camp counselors in cabins. We mix students from one school with others as part of the learning process. We do not assign students from the same school to the same cabin or discussion group unless the school has more students than we have cabins or discussion groups. Tell your students everyone is in the same boat and treated the same. Very often students from a school do not know anyone else when they arrive at Horseshoe. Our process changes that so by camp's closing day the student who knew no one on the first day now knows everyone and has friends across the state.

Our camp counselors have almost 3 weeks of staff training prior to our first summer program. Training and supervision are continuous all summer. Training is in everything from purpose, program, food service, working with youth, safety, health, emergency procedures, first aid, CPR, and more.

Advisors - allow our staff to carry out the process. Allow the process to unfold. Realize Horseshoe offers an activity based, community building approach to learning. Horseshoe is deliberately different. Students may not like it the first day or two because it is a different place, a different approach without the internet, cell phones and electronics. By mid week the students are on board and by Saturday they do not want to leave.

Enjoy, learn, help and ***Thank-You for Joining Us in this process!***